



**TOWN OF MANSFIELD/MANSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**January 13, 2010  
Mansfield Town Hall  
Council Chambers**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Fred Baruzzi, Matt Hart, Mark LaPlaca, Betsy Paterson, Anne Willenborg,  
and Mark Boyer

**Staff:** Bill Hammon, Cherie Trahan, Jaime Russell, Allen Corson

**Guest:** Rick Lawrence of Lawrence Associates

**Public:** Mary Feathers

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 5:04p.m.

**2. Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of November 10, 2009 and December 9, 2009 were approved unanimously.

**3. Opportunity for the public to address the Committee**

No Comment

**4. MMS Fuel Conversion Project**

Mr. Hammon reported by the end of February the entire school will be using natural gas. The construction continues to be on schedule.

**5. Debrief combined Council/Board meetings**

Brief discussion about the presentations that were made at the Council/Board meetings

## **6. Next Steps**

Mr. Baruzzi presented the memo that would be going home with students, stating there will be 4 information sessions to update the community about the findings of the school building committee and the families of options. These sessions will be held prior to the budget information sessions planned within the next month.

Discussion took place on the draft timeline for the upcoming meetings. It was agreed that after the four informational sessions are completed, the committee will make a ranking of the options and take that ranking to a public meeting at the Mansfield Middle School. After that public meeting, the committee will meet again to make their final ranking and make their recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Lawrence will revise the timeline and send out to the committee.

Discussion took place in regards to what needs to be completed before the informational sessions and public meeting:

A chronology of the project;

A simple calculation of mil rate increase per tax payer;

Mr. Lawrence will update the slide presentation that was presented to the Council and the Board and will review with Mr. Baruzzi to verify the information;

Mr. Hammon will provide the value of all school buildings;

Mr. Baruzzi will provide a summary of the research of the "big school vs. little school" and have it put on the website for the public to review;

Getting information out to the public through as many sources as possible.

## **7. Other**

Next meeting will be held on February 24, 2010 at 5 p.m.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Ducharme